

**The God Who Can Turn Nothing into Something...  
...is the God Who Can Turn Nobody into Somebody (Ruth 1:1–22)**

**MY STORY, YOUR STORY AND THE STORY OF RUTH**

Chapter One, Early Childhood & Grade School

Chapter Two, Middle School & High School

Chapter Three, Post High School

Chapter Four, A Season of Equipping

Chapter Five, The Pastorate

Chapter Six, Tragedy Strikes

Chapter Seven, Tragedy Strikes Again

**PERSONAL APPLICATION:**

- Know the promises of God and \_\_\_\_\_!
- When hard things happen, we don't lie down as victims, we rise up as \_\_\_\_\_ through the power of Christ in us. (*Rom. 8:37*)

Like any good movie, **the opening scene frames the story and prepares us for what is about to unfold.** Ruth Chapter 1 gives us four scenes.

**Scene One** is the big \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scene Two**, the \_\_\_\_\_ moves away from the chaos of a divided nation to the sorrow of one woman and her family:

In those days, a woman with no husband and no sons had no security, no protection, and no obvious \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scene Three**, brings \_\_\_\_\_ into focus:

**Ruth is a Moabite, not an Israelite;** yet we see that God's faithfulness often shines through the most \_\_\_\_\_ people.

**Scene Four**, it's \_\_\_\_\_ time! "They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest." (*Ruth 1:22*)

Ruth reminds us that there is always \_\_\_\_\_ when God is still at work.

Our God can turn nothing into something and anybody into \_\_\_\_\_.



August 23, 2026

# Welcome to First Baptist Church of Lakewood

## August 23, 2026

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Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Walt Kelcy

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:1-5

Congregational Songs

Video

Sermon

Pastor Walt Kelcy

“The God Who can Turn Nothing into Something...  
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Invitation

Offering & Announcements

Closing Prayer

### Our Mission Statement

*We exist to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord by seeking, teaching and caring for the people in our church, community and world.*

*\*worship services are recorded for live stream & replay online*

### What are Your Spiritual Gifts?

When the Apostle Paul wrote the letters to the churches in Rome & Corinth, he reminded the believers in those cities of how the Holy Spirit gives every believer spiritual gifts so we can encourage each other & grow together as the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12; Romans 12; 1 Peter 4). As a believer today, you have spiritual gifts too! Do you know what they might be?

On Sunday, September 6 at 3:30 PM, you're invited to a Spiritual Gifts Assessment class where we'll discuss what the different gifts mentioned in Scripture are & then take individual assessments to learn more about how God has gifted each of us for service! *RSVP for the class by indicating your interest on a Connect Card & putting the card in the offering, or sign up at the table in the lobby.*

### Church-wide Pie Social—September 6

We're kicking off September with a pie social! Join us for an evening of fun, friends & family—and bring a favorite pie to share if you're able. Date/Time: Sunday, September 6 @ 6 PM.

### Fall Discipleship Classes

Our new fall discipleship classes begin in mid-September! Stay tuned for more information.

### Awana Club Begins September 16

The 2026-27 Awana year starts on September 16 for kids ages 3 years through Grade 8! Awana meets on Wednesday nights during the school year from 6:30-8:00 PM. Through Scripture memory, games & activities, kids will develop a biblical foundation & learn how to live a life of wisdom & grace. \*New this year: the Trek Club for Grades 7-8. Stop by the Awana table in the lobby for more details.

### Online Giving

Our online giving platform allows you to give from your smartphone or your computer, & it's easy to give a one-time gift or recurring gifts. Scan the QR code to be directed to our online giving page or go to [fbclakewood.org/give](https://fbclakewood.org/give).



### Ministry Report for August 16, 2026

Giving (weekly needed \$13,871):

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| YTD Needed | YTD Received |
| \$457,743  | \$447,637    |

### CONNECT WITH US



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### Deacon of the Week

John Caldwell

### Sunday Evening Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer every Sunday at 5 PM. Directions to tonight's host home are available at the Welcome Center.

Tonight's host:

Ryan & Becky Williams